



Weekly Members' Webinar
May 17, 2018

Update on the Native Farm Bill Coalition



Current Membership

- Over **140 Tribes** represented:
- **68 Native Nations** passed resolutions/sent letters of support
- 12 Intertribal/Native Organizations:
 - **Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians**
 - **All Pueblo Council of Governors**
 - **American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA)**
 - **First Nations Development Institute**
 - **Four Bands Community Fund CDFI**
 - **Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (research partner)**
 - **Intertribal Agriculture Council**
 - **National Congress of American Indians**
 - **National Indian Education Association**
 - **National Indian Health Board**
 - **Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission**
 - **United South and Eastern Tribes SPF**
- 2 Ally Organizations – including MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

Native Farm Bill Coalition

Update from The Hill: *The 2018 Farm Bill*

House Ag Committee Farm Bill – Currently on House Floor

- Considering 51 Amendments – Mostly Republicans
- Still Partisan bill – no Democratic support
- Potential for Large Ag Groups to Not Support

The Senate Finalizing a Bipartisan Bill

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs – CROPS Act

- Passed through Committee

Update on USDA: *USDA Farm Bill Tribal Consultation*

USDA Farm Bill Consultation – May 14-15, 2018 – Santa Fe, NM

- The Institute of American Indian Arts, 83 Avan Nu Po Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508
- May 14th ay 7:30 am – Secretary Perdue will join the consultation
- Tribal Leaders - notify the Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) by May 7th to send a proxy – form is attached
- USDA requesting feedback on additional topics – deadline is May 7th
- Contact OTR: Tribal.Relations@osec.usda.gov or 202-205-2249

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The House 2018 Farm Bill

Nutrition Title

Latest Issue – the SNAP-Ed funding Proposal

- Would require that all of the SNAP-Ed money go through 1862 and 1890 Land Grant Institutions
- No mention of 1994s or TCUs or Tribal governments
- In states where there are no 1862s, like NV, or they don't serve tribal citizens, no other mechanism for the SNAP-Ed funding to benefit Tribal SNAP participants
- Even in states that have an 1862, there is no assurance that Tribes will be served

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Office of Tribal Relations

Removes language in 2014 putting the Office Of Tribal Relations (OTR) in the Office of the Secretary

- Now statutorily in the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement
- This goes against the comments of Tribes during the Consultation on the USDA reorganization at NCAI in October 2017

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Nutrition Title

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

- Adds “**regionally-grown**” to the traditional foods provision purchases for FDPIR
- Requires the Secretary to purchase traditional foods that can be produced “**cost-effectively**”
- Allows **2-year carryover** funding for FDPIR

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Nutrition Title

SNAP – New and Expanded Work Requirements

- **ABAWDs** – Increases age range for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) from 18-49 to 18-59;
 - adds ABAWDs with children over the age of 6
- **New Work Requirements** – **20 hrs. a week** work requirement (was 80 hrs. a month) in FY21-25; increases to **25 hrs. in FY26**
 - ABAWDs failure to find work/job training programs requirements within 1 month ineligible for SNAP for 1 year, additional violation--ineligible for 3 years
- Doesn't **directly** impact FDPIR by statute, but new work requirements could increase demand on FDPIR 25-40 percent or more and USDA will likely move SNAP work requirements to FDPIR program

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Nutrition Title

SNAP – Cont.

- New Duplicative Enrollment Database, to stop multiple enrollments by a single individual
- No more broad-based categorical eligibility, simplifies SNAP enrollment for families using other food assistance programs like Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Now limited to families earning 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Line or less
- New retailer-funded incentives pilot program to allow SNAP participants to get bonuses for purchase fruits, veggies, and milk

Potential Impacts of the *House Nutrition Title*

ABAWDs will dramatically increase the number of participants in the FDPIR program

- Historical experience when SNAP restricts, FDPIR expands
- Could rise 25-40 percent

SNAP restrictions will be imposed on FDPIR participants?

- Historical experience USDA FNS seeks conformity in requirements between programs
- Shortages of food could occur
- Historical experience has shown dramatic food shortages because USDA FNS has no contingency program for rapid escalation pressure on the FDPIR participation numbers

ABAWD restrictions contemplates actual jobs available

- All changes will be imposed by the **States** unless categorical waiver for Tribes or Tribes seeking and obtaining 638 to run all feeding programs

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Forestry Title

Adds Tribes as eligible for the Good Neighbor authority agreements

Expedites the Secretary's review and initial response of Tribal request under the Tribal Forest Protection Act

Allows the Secretary, under the National Indian Forest Resources Management Act, to treat certain federal forest lands as Indian forest lands for the purpose of management at the request of a Tribe.

Permits the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to enter into 638 self-determination demonstration project agreements with Tribes to take over the management and functions of the federal government under the Tribal Forest Protection Act.

The House 2018 Farm Bill *Conservation Title*

Increases CRP acreage cap to 29 million acres while allowing more grazing

Merges CSP into EQIP while keeping CSP functionally distinct and boosts spending for the program to \$3.0 billion by 2023

Restores funding to the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program to \$500 million per year while also streamlining and providing more flexibility for producers and stakeholders

Simplifies application process, program administration and funding mechanism while adding additional flexibility to the innovative and popular Regional Conservation Partnership Program

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Other Titles

Credit Title

- Reduced eligibility requirements for ownership loans under certain conditions: down from 3 to 2 years with 16 hours of post-secondary education, or honorable discharge status, or repayment of youth loans
- Allocates up to \$9 million of the \$34.5 million in Market Development Program for Specialty Crops

Rural Development Title

- Cuts funding for Tribal College and University and University Essential Community Facilities from \$10 million to \$5 million
- Tribes eligible for Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network

Horticulture Title

- Tribes can regulate the use of pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

Miscellaneous Title

- Tribes eligible new National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program

Updates from other Agriculture Sectors and Allies

Senate Fast Tracking Bill to Legalize Hemp as an Agricultural Product

“Rebuild Rural” Coalition (staffed by the Farm Credit System) is focusing on coordinating a broad group of interests on rural infrastructure

- E-connectivity events
- Rural energy events

Hunger and Food Access Groups

National Sustainable Ag Coalition

Ag Sector Fly-Ins

N a t i v e F a r m B i l l C o a l i t i o n

Updates from other Agriculture Sectors and Allies

39 Programs That Lose Baseline FY 2018

- Rural Water
- FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations)
- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program
- Other Local and Regional Funding Programs
- Research Programs
- Conservation, Horticulture, Crop Insurance (some programs within each of these titles)

Trade, Immigration and Other Issues are Impacting Agriculture Sector - - keep an eye on these issues as potential drivers

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Join the **Native Farm Bill Coalition**

Need More Tribal Leadership and Tribal Organizations to get involved!

- Pass a resolution, send logo, and point of contact's information
- Provide input, get latest updates, and receive information
- Coalition will provide talking points, one-pagers, and tailored data to support your advocacy; regular lawyer/lobbyist strategy calls; regular webinar and discussions

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